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APPLICANT: Mark J. Burzynski et al : GROUP ART UNIT: 3764  
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TITLE: SELF-BLUNTING NEEDLE MEDICAL : ATTY. DOCKET: P-1522-1  
DEVICES AND METHODS OF :  
MANUFACTURE THEREOF :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the captioned application as follows.

In the Claims

In claim 15, delete "claims 1-5" and insert therefor --claims 1-4--.

Add new claims 47 and 48 as follows.

47. The device of claim 5 in combination with a syringe comprising an actuation member for moving the device from a sharpened configuration to a blunted configuration.

48. The device of claim 6 in combination with a syringe comprising an actuation member for moving the device from a sharpened configuration to a blunted configuration.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendment and new claim 47 correct the improper multiple dependency of claim 15 from claim 5, which is also a multiple dependent claim. Claim 48 is new.

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